

2001 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT NOTEBOOK

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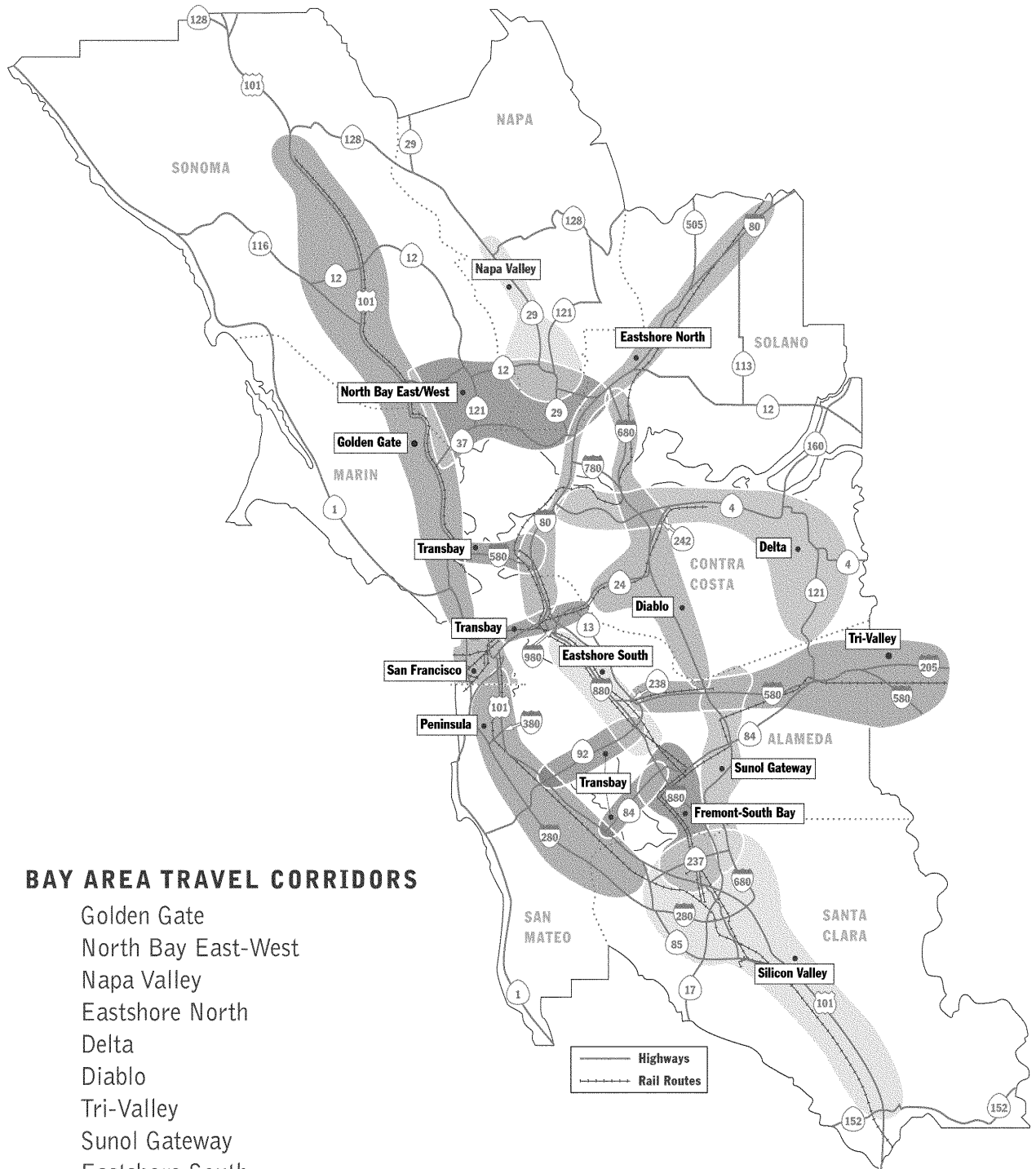


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PROJECT NOTEBOOK OVERVIEW

PURPOSE	The purpose of the <i>Project Notebook</i> is to provide additional detailed technical information on the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for MTC and Bay Area Partnership agencies staff as well as interested organizations and individuals.
ORGANIZATION	<p>The <i>Project Notebook</i> consists of seven parts, as follows:</p> <p>Part 1: System Maintenance and Operations: presents a financial summary of regional projects, and descriptions of the financial analysis of each of the transit agencies, streets and roads pavement shortfalls, non-pavement and bridge needs, Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC), and Surface Transportation Program (STP) planning funds.</p> <p>Part 2: Regional Transportation System Management: provides project-level details on the regional transportation system management projects. Each project falls into one of the following five broad categories: multi-modal integration, transit management program, arterial management program, freeway management program, and strategic planning. Methodology for determining future funding needs and revenue estimates are fully described.</p> <p>Part 3: Regional Bicycle Master Plan: describes MTC's Regional Bicycle Master Plan that has been incorporated by reference in the 2001 RTP. Building upon the city and county bike plans, the Master Plan seeks to ensure a continuous bikeway network across jurisdictions throughout the region and to ensure that supporting plans, programs, and activities are in place to encourage bicycling as an alternative form of transportation. The emphasis of this primary regional system will be on developing the most direct and convenient route available between population and activity centers in the region.</p> <p>Part 4: Lifeline Transportation Program: explains the Lifeline Transportation Program planning effort being undertaken as part of the 2001 RTP—LIFT Program, Lifeline Transit Network, and Transportation Affordability. The lack of transit access to key employment sites in a 24-hour economy has been identified in MTC-sponsored welfare to work transportation plans. Development of a Lifeline Transit Network will help us identify, develop, fund, and implement a program of improvements in fixed route and flexible transit services to close gaps between low income neighborhoods and key employment clusters. MTC in partnership with multiple stakeholders will also be addressing barriers associated with the cost of transportation for low-income persons.</p>

Part 5: Committed Funding Investments by County: provides a summary list of “Committed Funding” investments by county. Projects that have secured funding, either through existing federal and state sources, through sales tax plans, or through other local sources and fee programs, are considered committed. A majority of the Committed Funding projects are identified in the 2001 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and sales tax expenditure plans.

Part 6: Track 1 Investments by County: gives project-level details for “Track 1” investments by county, excluding regional projects discussed earlier in Parts 1 and 2 and countywide projects. Track 1 of the RTP includes projects that can be funded with projected available revenues over the next 25 years. Track 1 project “fact sheets” provide details of project costs and funding, purpose, description, planning context, and other information.

Part 7: Blueprint Investments by County: provides a summary list of “Blueprint” investments by county. Blueprint projects are those that cannot be funded under the RTP’s 25 year forecasted revenues, but could be advanced with new or renewed local sales taxes, increased state funding, a regional gas tax, and new bridge tolls. Many of these projects have been inventoried in MTC’s Bay Area Transportation Blueprint for the 21st Century Project Notebook (June 2000), which can be referenced for further project information.